

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are requested. Claims 41-43 and 47-49 remain in the case.

Claims 41-43, and 47-49 have been amended in view of the Office Action as fully supported by an enabling disclosure.

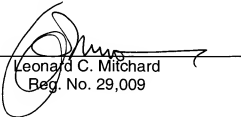
Although they disagree with the USPTO's position formulated in the present Office Action, in order to accelerate prosecution Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner during a telephone discussion with the patent attorney to the Applicants in October 2004. These amendments are believed to overcome the objections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs of the present Office Action.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such an action is earnestly solicited.

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